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Government Votes Unneeded Millions for Wharves and Harbors While Neglecting Necessities of Agriculture

Ottawa Cabinet Hesitates to Provide Money for Long Overdue Rural Credit System, or to Help Keep Returned Men on the Land—Conservatives Would Restore Duties on Farm Implements and Practically Wipe Out British Preference

By W. T. Lucas, M.P.

Parliament has now been in session for four months and, aside from the budget, no legislation of real importance has finally been passed. Since the last article was written a great portion of our time has been

taken up with the passing of estimates, and the Progressives have had no opportunity of criticising the Government for not making a real effort to reduce the expenditure of the country where they have the power to do so.

BOTH PARTIES EQUALLY GUILTY

It cannot be denied that there is a very heavy uncontrollable expenditure, and the Government of the day endeavors to place the blame for same upon the previous administration while, in reality, both of the old political parties are equally guilty. The very fact of this heavy uncontrollable expenditure makes it all the more imperative that the expenditure of every dollar to-day should be carefully scrutinized, and the absolute necessity for any new undertaking clearly proven before securing the sanction of Parliament.

The only hope of reducing taxation in this country is by reducing expenditure, and yet we find this Government, which was elected on a policy of economy, launching out into a lavish program, for which very little defence can be offered, and the only conclusion one can come to is, that an election is in sight and campaign funds have to be raised.

In the Public Works Department we find in the Central and Eastern Provinces many heavy expenditures for wharves and harbor improvements, running into millions of dollars, much of which could be reduced, and much eliminated altogether, without appreciable damage or inconvenience to the country as a whole.

UNPROFITABLE OUTLAY AT PORT OF QUEBEC

A resolution coming under the Department of Marine and Fisheries to loan \$3,000,000 to the Quebec Harbor Commissioners, was opposed most strenuously by the Progressives, and was only passed

The article by Mr. Lucas is the fifth in the series by Alberta members of the House of Commons. D. F. Kettner, U. F. A. member for East Edmonton, will contribute an article to the issue of July 1st.

on division. The total monies advanced to date to the Quebec Harbor Commissioners amount to \$12,612,000. On this sum is accrued interest unpaid amounting to \$3,077,000, also outstanding bonds to the public of \$1,154,000, or a total of \$21,840,000, and to this amount the Government adds another \$5,000,000.

There is already a two million bushel capacity grain elevator at Quebec, which in 1924 handled only approximately five million bushels of wheat, while, if worked to its full capacity, it could handle many times this amount, proving conclusively that there is no congestion at that port, so far as grain is concerned. Since Vancouver has been developed for the handling of grain, there is now little danger of congestion at our Eastern ports, and any grain diverted to Quebec simply means so much business taken from Montreal; besides, as was pointed out in the discussion, the freight rate from Armstrong to Quebec of 20¢ per bushel is a prohibitive one, and until this is adjusted, no volume of grain will flow to that port.

It was not with any antipathy to the port of Quebec that the Progressives opposed this vote, but purely on business grounds. No doubt as the country develops all our ports will be needed, but the essential thing today is more tonnage for our present carrying facilities and if, instead of spending money for the purpose of reaping political advantage, it was spent in an endeavor to bring about a more profitable agriculture, which in turn would be reflected in the whole industrial life of the country, we might look to the future with more confidence.

ADVISED REDUCTION ON PRICES TO S. & R. SETTLERS

Last year the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Committee sat for weeks and finally brought into the House an almost unanimous report recommending the following:

1. The immediate reduction on the price of all livestock purchased by the Board on behalf of soldier settlers by the amount of 50 per cent. on stock purchased

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U. F. A. Member for Victoria.

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EDITORIAL

POOL DRIVE MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

A good start has been made in the June campaign to secure the necessary number of signatures to the contracts of the three new Pools.

During the present week interest will largely centre in the important series of meetings to be addressed by Walton E. Peet, one of the outstanding men in the co-operative marketing movement in North America, and other expert authorities. All of these meetings should be largely attended. It is particularly desirable that farmers who have not yet been convinced of the advantages of co-operative marketing, as applied to the three products to be handled by the new Pools, should hear the speakers this week. Members of the U. F. A. can render great service to the Pools by persuading as many as possible of their neighbors who have objections to raise, to attend. The speakers will be glad to answer questions.

The Pools are being organized as the direct result of instructions given to the Provincial officers of the U. F. A. by two successive Annual Conventions. The success of the drive will depend, more than upon all other factors combined, upon the work of officers and members of the U. F. A. during the next two weeks.

AN ELECTION VOTE

Elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Lucas makes a strong protest against the voting of large sums of money for obviously unnecessary harbor work at Quebec and elsewhere. On June 24th, when William Irvine presented a motion to kill the vote of \$1,000,000 for advances to the Quebec Harbor Commissioners, he was supported by every member present in the House, with the exception of the Liberals and one other member. Under the circumstances described in Mr. Lucas' article, it seems clear that the Government's attitude in this matter is, as Mr. Irvine stated, "a crime against the helpless taxpayers of this country", and that the Government vote is "purely and simply an election vote." Mr. Irvine's motion was defeated by 74 votes to 99.

Some of the daily papers of Alberta seem more anxious to find excuses for the Ottawa Government's delay in introducing the rural credit legislation recommended at two successive sessions by one of the most important committees of the House of Commons, than they are to support this legislation. Other papers apparently do not consider the question worthy of more than passing and non-committal comment, in editorial discussion of other matters.

The plan of intermediate and long term credits has many powerful enemies in certain financial circles in Canada. It should have the strongest possible support from newspapers published in communities whose future is intimately bound

up with that of the farm people. There is only one reason, apart from the indifference and in some cases the opposition of Canadian daily papers, why Alberta farmers are not served today by at least as good a system of intermediate and long term credits as almost every other great agricultural community. That reason is the entrenchment in our political life of powerful hostile financial interests.

SHOULD AMEND BANKRUPTCY ACT

Of even greater urgency than a new system of intermediate and long term credits in many districts, is the amendment of the Bankruptcy Act, to enable farmers to take advantage of its provisions. The present session of the Canadian Parliament should not be brought to a close until legislation of this character has been enacted.

By the death of W. G. Johnston, Labor M.L.A. for Medicine Hat, the Alberta Legislature loses one of its most conscientious and most popular members. Mr. Johnston was as well known in the rural parts of his constituency as he was in the city, and in the Legislative Assembly he was an effective and able spokesman of his farmer constituents, of the Labor people, to whose interests he was thoroughly loyal, and of the general interests of the constituency. He was an excellent representative, fair and reasonable in debate, a hard fighter when he believed fighting necessary, and of attractive personality.

Many important articles and letters are unavoidably held over for later issues, owing to lack of space. A valuable report on the annual meeting of the Alberta Co-operative League will be given in the July 1st issue.

TRAFFIC IN ARMS

At the recent arms conference at Geneva, it was shown that the heaviest traffic in armaments is done by the United States, which exported munitions worth \$75,000,000 in a recent period of three years. Great Britain comes second, with a total of \$70,000,000, the latter figure, however, including exports to British overseas territory. These figures may have something to do with the failure of the recent conference on the limitation of traffic in armaments.

Professor Stephen Leacock of McGill University, in a recent address in Montreal, dwelt upon the very real dangers to international peace which are now becoming increasingly apparent. While not abandoning hope in the idea of a League of Nations, he stated that he had no confidence in the League as it is constituted today.

SELF-DETERMINATION

Perhaps the wisest comment on the troubles at Shanghai that has appeared in any daily paper is that of John Brailford, correspondent of the London Daily Herald, and an authority on Chinese affairs. The troubles arise, of course, from the efforts of the Chinese to raise their very low standards of living. Today, industry is an inferno of persecution, disease, and semi-slavery, in which at the age of six children of this new class of factory workers are driven.

It would be rank hypocrisy (says Mr. Brailford) to suggest that "dollar diplomacy" should be abandoned, but the world might be a happier place if financiers were left to invest money only where they could trust the borrower to repay, without the threat of armed intervention, and without the invasion of the borrowing country's independence.

From the standpoint of both Western and Eastern peoples, it would seem to be sound policy to allow the Chinese people to work out their own destiny in their own way.

News of the Organization

Activities of Local and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Making Preliminary Estimate of Harvest Labor Requirements

Every U. F. A. Local Asked to Furnish Estimate of Increase or Decrease in Acreage Sown to Grain

With a view to obtaining as accurate an estimate as possible of the harvest labor requirements of the present season, every U. F. A. Local in the Province has been circularized during the past couple of weeks, and requested to forward to Walter Smitten, Director of the Alberta Employment Service, an estimate of the increase or decrease in acreage sown to grain in the district concerned, as compared with 1924. The circular has been distributed by co-operation between the U. F. A. Central Office and the employment service.

Very valuable service was given last year as the outcome of this co-operation, when a large number of farmers from the dried out areas were found employment in the more fortunate districts, and imported labor was distributed with increased efficiency. It is hoped that there will be as complete a response as possible to the request made in the circular just issued, in order that preliminary preparations for the fall months may be made at an early date.

The questionnaire which every U. F. A. Local is asked to fill out is in the following form:

"I would estimate that the acreage sown to grain in the district covered by this Local is.....per cent. (more) or (less) than that sown in the year 1924."

The circular to Locals read in full as follows:

Secretary, U. F. A. Local

Dear Sir: We will be called upon by the very near future to advise the transportation companies relative to the number of men who will be required to harvest the crop this year. Our records and reports suggest a general improvement in employment conditions and that the demand for labor throughout the Dominion will be fairly heavy. However, you may rest assured that every effort will be exerted by this service to procure sufficient to insure harvesting the Alberta crop.

As the estimates furnished by the Employment Service are accepted by the railroad officials for guidance in arranging harvest excursions, it is essential that we be in a position to give as close an estimate of the numbers required as possible. As we have a complete record of the men sent to the farms for the harvest of 1924 a knowledge of the comparative acreage to crop with that year will permit of a fairly accurate estimate being made.

So that we may have this information, will you please be good enough to fill in the attached questionnaire and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,
W. SMITTEN,
Director, Alberta Employment Service.

TAWATINAW SHIPS MIXED CARLOAD

At the last meeting of Tawatinaw Local the secretary was instructed to write for 25 copies of the Poultry Pool contract. A mixed carload of livestock was shipped out by this Local recently.

MOBILIZE LOCAL TO HELP INJURED MEMBER

Fifty members and friends of the Woodville Local gathered recently at the farm of J. B. Bell, with plows, discs, harrows, flails and drills drawn by 182 head of horses, and put in one hundred acres of crop. The bee was organized by A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., A. C. Grolkshanks and L. B. MacMillan. Mr. Bell, a member of the Local, has been in hospital at Calgary for some weeks, having had his arm badly injured in a threshing machine.

TWO MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCUSSIONS

A copy of the program of meetings for the current year has been forwarded by the secretary of Exec U. F. W. A., Mrs. Jas. Barker. Meetings are held at the homes of members, and in each case two members are held responsible for the discussions. The subjects include: Rural Sanitation; Balanced Rations for Warm Weather; Legal Status of Women; Reports on Provincial and Federal Legislation; Millinery Demonstration; Home Nursing and First Aid; What the U. F. W. A. Has Done and Hopes to Do; Municipal School Districts; Truth in Textiles. An entertainment, a picnic, and a Mock Parliament are also included in the program. Each meeting begins with a roll call, the members responding with brief accounts of current events.

TWO HILLS LOCAL ORGANIZED

H. O. Braden, U. F. A. director for Vegreville, recently organized the Two Hills Local, at Two Hills. Officers elected are R. C. Pife and W. R. Flynn.

Petition Government Regarding Carruthers Branch Extension

Farmers Greatly Alarmed by Statement Line Will Be Diverted—Locals to Co-operate

At a recent meeting of Meyerton Local discussion centred around the petition to the Government regarding the extension of the Carruthers branch line. "Probably at no time since this country was first settled around 1896," writes the secretary, John D. Gaunt, "has the need of a railroad been so distinctly felt, and this desire has been considerably whetted by the extension of the C. P. R. Cut-knife-Whitford Lake branch to the 4th meridian, headed apparently in this direction. The disappointment and chagrin of the farmers in this country can be more easily imagined than described, when it was learned that the C. P. R. had under consideration a plan to divert this line in a northward direction towards Lloydminster."

The Local decided to urge the co-operation of neighboring communities—Paradise Valley, Oxville, Radle and Vanetti—to bring before the C. P. R. authorities the absolute need of railroad communication with the outside world.

Membership Is More Than Doubled in Two Years at Woodville

Local Remits \$2 Dues to Central and Raises All Local Funds by Concerts, Etc.

"Woodville Local was organized in 1923 with a membership of 14," writes A. Thompson, the secretary. "This increased to 24 in 1924, and the 1925 membership is 28, with good prospects of securing 95 per cent. of the farmers in the district."

"The dues are \$2, which are remitted to Central. The Local finances by entertainments, etc.: a concert in the winter, a picnic and stampede in the summer, and a fowl supper in November. By charging an entrance fee sufficient funds are raised to carry on. Our concert this year added \$28 to the Local's funds. Proceeds are shared with the Woodville U. F. W. A. (which is another five wire)."

"In 1924, this Local sent delegates to three conventions, and had addresses by Wm. Irvine, M.P., and A.-M. Matheson, M.L.A. Meetings are full of pep, and lively discussions on various problems are always interesting. A lantern was obtained from the University, and two illustrated lectures given. Woodville Local is strong for co-operative marketing of farm products."

PROGRAM BOUND IN ATTRACTIVE FORM

Berrywater U. F. W. A. Local have prepared a program for their summer and autumn meetings, and copies have been bound into attractive and convenient booklets for the use of members. A number of the meetings are to be held jointly with neighboring Locals. Music, vocal and instrumental, and community singing, are given places on each program, as well as practical household features such as exchange of apron patterns, exchange of cookie recipes, demonstrations of candy making, summer drinks, salads, machine hemstitching, favorite recipes. Papers and addresses will be given on various subjects, including patent medicines, rural health, Canadian authors, facts about Alberta, diets, rural education, laws concerning women, etc., and Mrs. Alston will give a demonstration on physical culture.

SEVENTEEN JUNIORS AT WATERHOLE

Mrs. W. H. Bailey, U. F. W. A. director for Peace River (North), has organized Waterhole Junior Local, with 17 members. The officers are William Campbell and Gertrude Herton, who will also be the Local's delegates to the Junior Conference.

HOME SEWING DEMONSTRATION

The Home Sewing Demonstration put on by Crerar U. F. W. A., writes Mrs. W. McMahon, the secretary, was excellent, and much enjoyed by the members present.

Small Fruits May Be Grown With Success in Almost Every Cultivated Area of Alberta

Possibilities Proved by Several Years' Experiment and Experience in the Milk District—Farmers May Grow All Fruits Needed, Not for Commercial Purposes, but for Family Use

By John Glanbeck

I went to B. C. this spring for the purpose of looking over the possibilities of fruit growing. I found that, while there is no doubt about the great possibilities over there in the fruit line, where the climate, soil and moisture are suitable, yet the fact remains that you can't make a decent living at fruit farming, and, poor as the returns are from wheat, they are still worse from fruit.

As we cannot grow wheat in Alberta and fruit in B. C. at the same time, we shall have to do our fruit growing here in Alberta in our spare time, and from personal experience I know it can be done. We cannot grow quite as many kinds of fruit as they can in B. C., and we shall have to exercise more care, but if we go at it right, every Alberta farmer excepting perhaps some of those in the drier areas can grow all the small fruits and some of the larger fruits his family can use.

Shelter-Belt First Step

The first step to fruit growing is a shelter-belt, and, dear reader, did you ever stop to think what a wonderful change it would make in the wind-swept prairie country, if every farm was surrounded by a shelter-belt? And perhaps it would have a beneficial influence on the rainfall and soil blowing.

But as the editor of "The U. F. A.", in asking me to write something on fruit growing, explained that space is somewhat limited, I shall briefly tell you what I have done in this line; and what I can do anybody else can, if he will go at it right.

Summerfallowed First Year

To begin with I plowed up a strip of land on the west and north side of my house. As this land was in stubble, I gave it a good summerfallow the year before trees were planted. I planted nine rows of seedlings and cuttings (obtained free of charge from the Indian Head Government nursery), four feet apart each way. The trees consisted of currant, maple, willow, Russian poplar and ash.

Two years later I decided to prepare a sheltered spot for a small orchard and planted another lot, of the same kind of trees, west, north and east of the first lot. Thus I had the plot entirely enclosed by shelter trees. In three years' time, having kept the trees clean with a one-horse cultivator, they were big enough to give some shelter and I began planting small fruits, such as strawberries (of the Senator Dunlap kind), gooseberries, red raspberries, black, white and red currants. These small fruit bushes, after two or three years, began to bear fruit, and every year since then, both strawberry plants and the various small fruit bushes, have furnished the family with a good supply of fruit, both for canning and eating fresh, and in the case of currants, we have had quite a few to sell.

I next set out the bigger fruits, such as mand cherries, seepsack cherries, plums and crabapples and a few standard

The orchard and garden on Mr. Glanbeck's farm at Milk are famous throughout all the surrounding country. Last fall, by scores of cars, visitors travelled great distances to see what he had accomplished in converting his homeplace on the treeless prairie into a place of real beauty and charm. Except upon Mr. Glanbeck's own plantation, there are practically no trees between his farm and the Bow River, 12 miles distant, and many farm children who visited his place last year there saw apple and plum trees for the first time in their lives.

The first shelter trees in Mr. Glanbeck's shelter-belt were planted in 1915, and the first fruit trees in 1914 and 1916. He now has 4,000 trees of all kinds, and is planting an additional 800 this year. Mr. Glanbeck regards this as merely a beginning. He believes that without any excessive expenditure of money, Alberta farmers, in the greater part of the cultivated area of the Province, can grow all the small fruits they need and some of the larger ones, and at the same time add greatly to the comfort and attractiveness of their homes.

apple trees. These, like the smaller fruits, after a few years began to bear and now furnish a good supply every year. Among the plum trees I have a number of Manitoba native plums, small but good, a variety from tart to sweet makes good eating and they are fine for canning. I had a number of Opatka plums which yield enormously, and will stand six degrees of frost and make good preserves.

The Cheney plums are as fine tasting



JOHN GLANBECK

as any B. C. plum. I have several other varieties, all good and all ripen in time to escape early fall frost. There are great possibilities in plum growing in Alberta.

I have about a dozen kinds of crab-apple trees, all bearing fruit, but the kind I find the best, and would recommend, is the Transcendent crab. It is a large juicy apple, as good as any B. C. crab I have seen. The Yellow Siberian crab is another good one, and last fall I picked several bushels of these from one small tree. I have also picked a few apples from a few standard Russian apple trees.

Source of Joy to Grower

Now, I have only mentioned the fruit trees and bushes, which have proved absolutely successful in my orchard, and no doubt there are many other kinds which, when tried out, will prove a success. I believe there is a great future ahead for Alberta along this line. I do not mean in a commercial way, but if every farmer can grow his own fruit or part of it, much has been gained. It is not so much the actual money value saved, but the joy of being able to go out into your own garden, see the fruit trees in bloom and later pick it fresh from the trees and bushes, and the farmer cannot only grow most of his own fruit and vegetables, but his shrubs and flowers.

In my garden the first flowers in bloom are the tulips, many kinds of different colors. They bloom early in May. Buy a few dozen bulbs in the fall; put them into the ground, and forget all about them; they will be sure to show up in the spring. Next come the carnations with their beautiful yellow flowers; then the lilacs, spiraea, honeysuckles. In May the rhubarb and asparagus will be big enough to eat and if you plan it right something new will follow each week.

It will require a little extra work, but it will pay you and after a half hour spent among your trees and bushes morning and evening you will feel much better.

In buying fruit trees, great care must be taken. Do not buy southern or eastern nursery stock and expect much success from it. Get the most northern grown and hardiest kind at first. After a few years, when your shelter-belt grows taller, you might run a risk, but not at the start. There are reliable nurseries now established on the prairie that handle stock which will grow and raise fruit if you plant it right.

"Our Local is doing very well this year," writes Mrs. A. H. Wills, secretary of Southwell U. F. W. A. Local. "Since last November we have bought and paid for a building, to be used as a rest room, together with the lot on which it stands. We have also bought the lot alongside it, and are now working to raise money for the payments on this. We find that a 'live' object to work for keeps up interest."

Alberta Farm Young People at the University

By MISS E. CLARKE FRASER, Convenor Young People's Work

Tuesday, June 2nd, was arrival day at the "University Week for Farm Young People." On account of the rain which brought a smile to most delegates, especially those from the south, the walks about the grounds could not be taken, but Mr. Ottewill, the Director of the Extension Department, is always ready for any emergency and an impromptu concert and community singing was arranged. This made a very splendid introduction to a week in which all are enjoying the well-balanced program prepared by the University. Each morning at 9:45, when the rising bell is heard, every girl and boy is up and ready for the day's activity, which begins at 7 o'clock with physical training.

For 45 minutes Miss K. McCrimmon, the very able secretary of girls' work in the Province, takes the girls for exercises, which are very excellent. Miss McCrimmon, besides being a splendid leader, has the ability of winning the love and confidence of every girl, and the work is performed not only because they must obey instructions, but because they want to please Miss McCrimmon.

For this week the girls are in charge of Miss Patrick, who is head of the Department of Household Economics in the University. The boys are in charge of Mr. McAllister, who is the Agricultural Secretary of the Department of the Extension. With these excellent leaders the boys and girls are assured a very happy week.

Morning Talks to Young People

At eight o'clock the girls march to Athabasca Hall, where all—boys and

girls—enjoy breakfast and meet as one happy family, then march in squads under a captain, whom each group elects, to convocation hall, and promptly at 9 o'clock D. E. Cameron, University Librarian, gives his morning talks to the young people. These "Morning Thoughts" will always remain an inspiration to those who are fortunate enough to hear them. From 9:15 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon the young people have lectures or demonstrations; then less strenuous entertainment in the evening. From 4 to 6 is recreation period and lights are out at 10:30.

On Wednesday morning Miss Patrick met the girls alone and discussed with them the week's routine and the few rules necessary for the guidance of such a group. Mr. McAllister performed a similar service for the boys; both appealed for co-operation between individuals of the group and with the University, so that this might be the best Conference yet.

Mr. Ottewill then addressed the general session on "Life's Picture Gallery." To attempt to report this address would be useless, for no one can do justice to Mr. Ottewill's inimitable way of driving home truths; but among the wholesome lessons he left this one—that we on the farm may have always with us as fine pictures as can be seen anywhere in the world if we just store our memory with the proper material,—pictures which we may take out and enjoy, even when our surroundings are not all we could wish. Another talk of Mr. Ottewill's, much enjoyed by all, was on "Habits".

A. E. Howes, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, who is a favorite with farm young people, followed Mr. Ottewill. After hearing this address the boys and girls felt a real pride in what Dean Howes calls our "Profession of Agriculture." Another lecture was by W. J. Jackson of Bremner, who was first secretary of the Wheat Pool, on "Pool Marketing". This was a history of co-operation in Denmark, Switzerland, and Britain, and then of our own Pools, and was listened to with the greatest attention, several delegates asking very intelligent questions when the lecture was over.

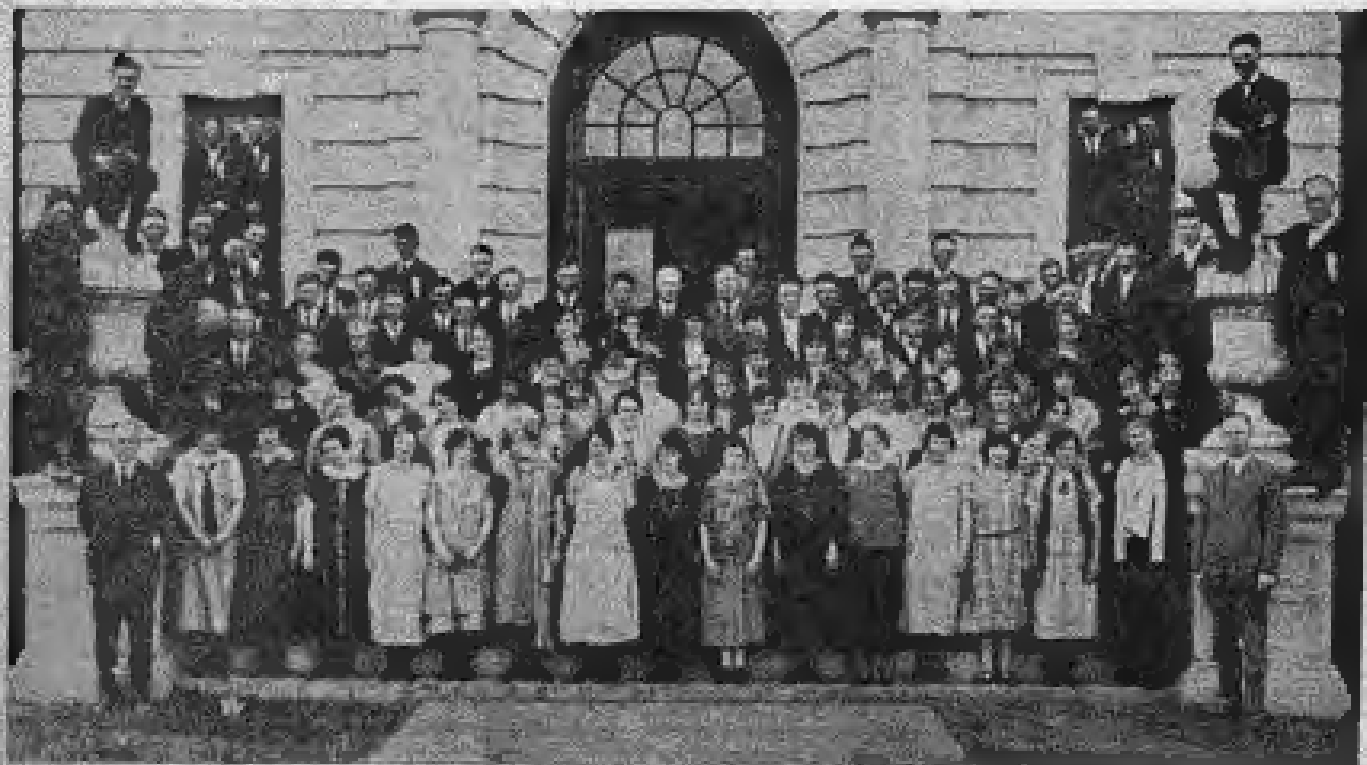
Prof. A. E. Corbett, Assistant Director of the Department of Extension in the University, gave a wonderful talk on Canadian Literature on Thursday, closing with a poem of Drummond's, read as only Mr. Corbett can. With such lecturers available no rural district need be without assistance in its educational work this winter.

Household Science and Nursing

Following the precedent of last year the girls had lectures on Household Science and Home Nursing, while the boys took up Animal and Field Husbandry.

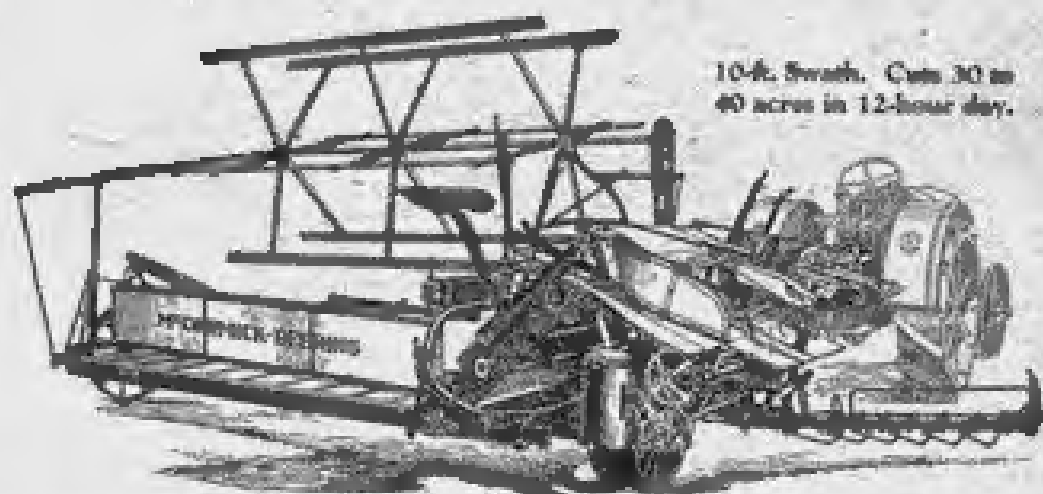
Miss Patrick talked to the girls on "What We Eat", and "What We Should Eat." Miss Patrick's theory is that we should study these questions with a view of keeping well, and not leave the matter until we are ill, and cannot eat.

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DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE AT "UNIVERSITY WEEK" CONFERENCE

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Milling Trade Organ Believes Option Business Should Be Reduced to Actual Needs—Keeping Up semblance of Trading on Paper Market

Discussing the extremely erratic character of the Winnipeg grain market during the past few months, the Northwestern Miller, the principal organ of the milling trade on the North American continent, stated editorially on May 27th:

...The Winnipeg wheat market is so discredited by its erratic course since January that one might almost say it no longer supplies an index to the real market value of Canadian wheat. It is well known that trade with foreign countries has been going on for several months with little reference to Winnipeg prices, and the same may be said of buying and selling in Ontario, Mills in this Province frequently purchase Western Canadian wheat at less or more than the equivalent of Winnipeg quotations. This is the only time that this has ever happened, and it carries with it a suggestion that Winnipeg, as we have known it in the past, is losing its place and power in the cash grain trade.

No one who understands the situation will blame the management of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange for what has happened.

Commenting on the above, the Western Producer, of Saskatoon, remarks that the significance of the editorial lies in the fact that it is "not prejudiced" Wheat Pool propaganda, but the opinion of one of the most influential organs of the milling trade of North America.

With reference to the Northwestern Miller's statement that there is too little contract wheat in deliverable positions to "furnish a foundation for the volume of option trading that goes on at Winnipeg," the Western Producer continues:

"This of course means that with over fifty per cent. of the Canadian wheat in the hands of the Wheat Pools—and therefore off the market for option purposes,—and most of the balance disposed of during the winter, the Winnipeg market has had to keep up a semblance of doing business by gambling in paper wheat."

Drive for Three New Pools Off to a Good Start in all Parts of Province

Noted Co-operative Marketing Experts Will Address Meetings in Important Centres—Provisional Directors Confident Objectives Will Be Reached Before End of June

Four hundred convessers are now in the field for the concentrated Province-wide drive for memberships for the new Dairy, Livestock and Poultry Pools. The drive opened Monday morning, June 8th, and will continue until June 25th.

In connection with the drive 500 meetings are being held in all districts in the Province. There is also being held a series of special meetings at which two noted co-operative marketing experts will be speakers.

The first series will have as its dominant figure Walton H. Petest, General Secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations in the United States. Mr. Petest has just concluded a tour of Texas. The dates of his meetings follow:

Lethbridge, Saturday, June 13, afternoon and evening, Wesley church.

Calgary, Monday, June 15, afternoon and evening, Memorial hall.

Ed Deer, Tuesday, June 16, afternoon and evening, McElride's hall.

Edmonton, Wednesday, June 17, afternoon and evening, Memorial hall.

Camrose, Thursday, June 18, evening.

The other series of special meetings will be held with W. J. Park, Managing Director of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, Vancouver, as speaker. Mr. Park will hold the following meetings:

Saturday, June 13, Lacombe.

Monday, June 15, with Mr. Petest at Calgary.

Tuesday, June 16, Okla, afternoon, and Stettler, evening.

June 17, at Edmonton with Mr. Petest. June 18, Viking, afternoon and Saddlewick, evening.



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June 18, Wainwright, afternoon, and Vermilion, evening.

June 20, Leduc, afternoon, and Wainwright, evening.

If Mr. Park is unable to make the trip to Alberta, it has been arranged that his place will be taken by Mr. Macer, secretary of Mr. Park's association, and equally an authority on co-operative marketing.

Enthusiasm For Pools

The keenest enthusiasm prevails in the rural districts for the Pools, and the Provisional Directors have no doubt that the membership drive will bring the Pools up to their full objective before June 28.

Farmers in all districts are urged to attend the various meetings arranged for them, and gain full information with respect to the new Pools. Speakers will be ready to answer questions at all meetings, and the farmers are encouraged to ask them.

Notes from the Wheat Pool Head Office

SEND IN BALLOTS EARLY

The attention of Wheat Pool members is drawn to the necessity of early action in sending in their ballots for the election of delegates.

Under Section I of the By-laws as amended at the last Annual Meeting, these ballots must be received at the Head Office of the Pool in Calgary before 5 o'clock on the fourth Tuesday in June of each year. Therefore the Poll will close at 5 o'clock on June 23rd next and members are urgently requested to get their ballot to Head Office before that date. In many of the Sub-Districts a keen interest is being taken in the selection of a delegate. The sub-division of the Province into 78 sub-divisions has made the list of choices much smaller and localizes the interest in the election. Ballots are coming in very rapidly and every member should register his choice of delegate. The By-laws provide that all ballots received before 5 o'clock on the fourth Tuesday in June in each year shall be polled by the Directors before the first Tuesday following the aforesaid Tuesday in June; and the member in each Sub-District receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as the District Delegate representing that particular Sub-District. Therefore, the Directors will count the ballots in the interval between Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, and Tuesday, June 26th. The names of the elected delegates will then be made public and each delegate will be notified of his election.

INFLUENCE OF CANADIAN POOLS

The following is from the "World's Grain Market News Column" of the Chicago Tribune, Wednesday, May 29th, 1935:

"May wheat at Winnipeg advanced 10 1/2c from its low point of the day in yesterday's trading, touching \$2.00 1/2. This is the fourth time it has sold above the \$2.00 level this season. July wheat there advanced 4 1/2c to \$1.83 3/4 and closed at \$1.81 3/4, a net gain of 6c for the day as compared with 7c on May. The advance, while based largely on bad crop reports, showed the influence the holdings the Canadian Wheat Pools have on the market, and it is said it will have the effect of giving it a better standing."

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What Will be Canada's Obligations When Next War Comes?

John S. Ewart, K.C., in "Canada and the Next War", Discusses Constitutional Issues—Premier King's Commitments

Canadians who disagree, and those who agree with John S. Ewart, K.C., in regard to constitutional matters, are equally interested in knowing exactly what the moral obligations of the Dominion would be, in certain contingencies, should war break out. The nature of present obligations is clearly set forth in the pamphlet, "Canada and the Next War", issued by Mr. Ewart last month. Copies of this pamphlet will be sent by the author free of charge on application to 466 Wilfred St., Ottawa.

The influence of John S. Ewart, K.C., LL.D., upon recent Canadian constitutional development has been wider and deeper than many of the public men who have discreetly borrowed his ideas are willing publicly to admit. He had the courage to reveal certain aspects of Canadian history at a time when he must have known that his writings would win him an almost general unpopularity, and that he would be countered by the effective weapon of a newspaper boycott of silence. Today that boycott is becoming perhaps less severe.

The writer's first contact with Mr. Ewart's opinions upon Imperial relationships, some years ago, produced an unpleasant revulsion of feeling. But the Canadian constitutional authority is in the habit of presenting evidence in support of his case. No student who desired to clear his mind of cant and inadequately supported prejudices could fail to be persuaded of the general truth of many of Mr. Ewart's findings. Perhaps some lingering bias may be responsible for the belief that his interpretation of history may not in every one of its details be entirely unchallengeable. But whether it is challengeable or not, it does not appear to have been effectively challenged. The obstacles which he had to overcome, in order to obtain a hearing, have been for the most part prejudice, due to that attitude of mind, the product of early training, which the writer has shared with many thousands of readers, of Mr. Ewart's papers.

Canada's Moral Obligations

Mr. Ewart is one of the most distinguished of Canadian constitutional lawyers. His publication of a new series of articles is therefore a matter of more than ordinary importance. However widely opinions may differ upon the questions with which he deals, no citizen of Canada who takes more than a parochial view of his duties and responsibilities can afford to pass unnoticed the first of this series, published a few weeks ago, under the title "Canada and the Next War". In this it is clearly shown that, rightly or wrongly, moral obligations have been incurred by leaders of both the old political parties, which counsel their parties, and thereby commit Parliament in advance, to active participation (in certain circumstances), in the next war. For the most recent of

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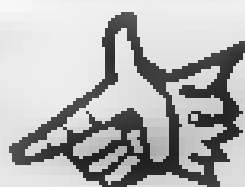
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here and note that this is the first time protectionists have admitted that their policy was not uniformly beneficial to all sections of the country, but was mainly applicable to the more highly industrialized sections of the Dominion, and, therefore, something in the way of recompense should be offered to the less favored regions. The Premier did not attempt to reply to Mr. McPherson's argument, stating that if he did so, it would reopen the whole budget debate, but contented himself with saying that the amendment could be construed in no other way than a vote of want of confidence in the Government.

Mr. Forke, leader of the Progressives, made a very effective reply to both party leaders. He first stated that he was unalterably opposed to the principle of protection, and he wished the Premier to understand that in voting against the protectionist amendment, it must not be construed as either confidence or want of confidence in the Government.

It was also forcibly and effectively pointed out by the Progressives that agriculture was the largest and most important industry in Canada, and that protection could do nothing else than increase the cost of production to those engaged in this industry, and this would also apply with equal force to our other primary industries, viz., lumbering, fishing and mining. On the question being put the amendment was defeated by a majority of 118.

The Special Committee on Ocean and Shipping Rates has about completed its investigations and its report is now awaited with great interest.

GRAIN ACT BEFORE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Canada Grain Act is now being discussed in the Agricultural Committee. The committee first went through the bill and passed all the non-contentious clauses, and is now ready to take up the contentious ones, and there is no doubt some very vivid discussion will take place before this work is completed. The Pools, Canadian Council of Agriculture and the grain trade are all ably represented by legal talent, but it is worthy of note that never in the history of Parliament have there been so many members in the House capable of looking after the farmer's interests and placing his viewpoint in the forefront where it rightly belongs.

UNIVERSITY PAMPHLETS

A number of circulars and pamphlets have been received from the University of Alberta College of Agriculture. One of these deals with Soil Sampling, and describes the method of taking samples for analysis at the University. Another, by F. A. Wyatt and J. D. Newton, discusses Legume Rotation.

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MAYERTHORPE AND SLACKERS

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

In your April 18th edition I saw where the Mayerthorpe Local are getting very active with resolutions, in the way of putting penalties on slackers. Has that Local ever considered that in some districts politicians—and some Government officials supporting the opposite side of the U. F. A. are good backing to those opposing Pools or any farmers' organization? Therefore, no one can blame farmers for being slow in joining these three last Pools; and more so, I think the best thing they can do is to go slow in applying penalties. It's a poor policy to force people to anything. My advice is to work on the principles of the Wheat Pool.

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WHAT WILL BE CANADA'S OBLIGATIONS WHEN NEXT WAR COMES?

(Continued from page 11)

subject of the economic causes of war. This subject has been shyly discussed by a number of Farmer members from Alberta and elsewhere, and by Mr. Woodsworth and Mr. Irvine. Canada's progressive economic and financial penetration by the interests which dominate the United States might as readily involve this country in the war for which those interests are preparing, as our present moral commitments. The common people of this continent may be called upon to fight ostensibly to "Make the World Safe for the White Race", in a contest whose real aim will be to make the field of cheap labor and rich natural resources of Asia safe for a limited number of American investors.

Sooner or later this fundamental issue, of the economic causes of war, which has been raised by a few members at Ottawa must also be faced by the Canadian public. At present none of the daily papers of Canada, with the exception of the Ottawa Citizen, seem at all inclined to face it.

"Canada and the Next War" will be sent free of charge by Mr. Stewart to all applicants. His address is 400 Wilfred St., Ottawa, Ont. W. N. S.

Government Breaks Its Pledges to the Soldier Settlers

Denies Chance for Existence on Land, but Rewards for Hebrideans After Soldiers Have Gone

By E. J. Garland, M.P.

In 1924, Mr. Ward, of Dauphin, moved for the appointment of a special committee to examine the need for reduction in the capital debt of soldier settlers.

Many on the committee were of the opinion that a revaluation rather than further waiving of interest was the essential need. However, for the sake of unanimity a compromise was reached and agreed to; it was embodied in the fourth report of the committee. Concurrence was moved on July 18th. The recommendations were:

1. That the Soldier Settlement Board shall immediately make provision for reduction on the price of all livestock advanced to soldier settlers and purchased prior to the 1st of October, 1923, as follows:

(a) If such livestock was purchased previous to the 1st of October, 1922, a reduction of 60 per cent. of the purchase price thereof.

(b) If the said livestock was purchased after the 1st of October, 1922, and previous to the 1st of October, 1923, a reduction of 40 per cent. of the purchase price thereof.

2. That the period of interest exemption provided in section 1 of the amendments to the Soldier Settlement Act of 25th June, 1922, be extended until the 1st of October, 1924.

3. Your committee further recommends that, in the event of any prepayment of principal the soldier settlers shall be entitled to and shall receive a discount at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum from the date of such prepayment to the due date of same, but this discount privilege shall not extend beyond the 1st of October, 1924.

4. Your committee further recommends that the Soldier Settlement Board shall have discretionary power to release bona fide soldier settlers who are found to be located upon manifestly unsuitable farms; such relocation to be made without financial loss to the settlers.

5. If after the interest exemption period provided for herein expires, a capital loss is clearly indicated, the question as to whether the Government shall bear the whole or part of the loss can then be determined and if decided affirmatively appropriate action can then be taken for a readjustment on any instalment remaining unpaid.

You will note that the Minister in charge took exception to clause 2 of report (interest exemptions) and moved an amendment which had the effect of deleting this clause, adding: "That means the acceptance of the balance of the report."

Reductions Accepted by Government
So the Minister on behalf of the Government accepted the 60 per cent. and 40 per cent. reductions. The Speaker subsequently ruled the whole report of the committee out of order on the ground that it involved expenditure of money (indirectly).

We told our constituents the good news of the Government's acceptance of part of report, and the expectation was that the Government would at least keep faith with the men.

In 1925 the question was brought to the attention of the Government at least fourteen times, and on May 14th, 1925, E. J. Garland put the following question on the orders of the day: "Is the Government prepared to bring in any legislation respecting the revaluation of soldier settlers' land, live stock and equipment?"

Hon. J. A. Robb: "Yes."

Breaks Pledge of Year Ago

Again we wrote to our constituents the good news. Again we trusted the word of the Government. Imagine then our utter dismay and disappointment when on May 26th the Government moved a resolution offering only reductions on livestock and these (breaking the pledge of a year ago) amounting only to 40 per cent. on stock purchased prior to October, 1922, and 20 per cent. on stock purchased prior to October, 1921, and after October, 1922. This was bad enough, but note that the pledge of legislation respecting land revaluation given me on May 14th was completely ignored. Is it any wonder that we question, and the soldiers will question, the good faith of this administration?

Discrimination Against Ex-Soldier

The soldiers gave 100 per cent. in war. Now this Government niggardly denies them a chance (slim) for existence on the land; but rewards it for the Hebrideans after the settler has had to go, broken in spirit, in health, in pocket; the best years of his returned life (risked for Canada) wasted in a futile effort to overcome the artificial handicaps placed upon him by a "loving" Government, which "dames" the big capitalist with bounties, protection, and subsidies, which today proposes a five million dollar advance to Quebec Harbor (which has never paid one cent of interest and owes the entire capital expended upon her), proposes a \$12,540,000 dredging scheme for the ship owners' convenience in the St. Lawrence (and asks for \$1,540,000 this year), offers to subsidize Peterson, give special privilege to Beese, build unneeded elevators at Prince Rupert and Halifax at a cost of about \$2,000,000, and countless other extravagances such as a subsidy of \$640,000 per year to maintain a tourist trade with the West Indies.

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